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SUBJECT: ETUC REPRESENTATION AT EAST-WEST CONFERENCE

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1. ACCORDING TO ETUC ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY
CARLSEN, THE ETUC WILL SEND AN UNOFFICIAL OBSERVER
TO THE EAST-WEST CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. HOWEVER, THE
YET TO BE NAMED ETUC REPRESENTATIVE WILL NOT PARTICIPATE
IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY IN THE CONFERENCE OR IN THE
STILL SCHEDULED ICFTU-WCL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 27
FOR REASONS STATED IN REFTEL B, I.E. STRONG BRITISH
OPPOSITION TO THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE ETCU IN EAST-
WEST TALKS.

2. ICFTU AND WCL REPRESENTATIVES WILL ATTEND THE
EAST-WEST MEETING AS OFFICIAL OBSERVERS. BY MUTUAL
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AGREEMENT THE GENERAL SECRETARIES OF THE TWO

ORGANIZATIONS, KERSTEN AND BRUCK, WILL NOT ATTEND
ALTHOUGH THEY WILL BOTH BE IN GENEVA AT THE TIME.
THE WCL REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE WCL ASSISTANT GENERAL
SECRETARY GEORGES FONTENEAU OF THE FRENCH CFDT.
THE ICFTU WILL BE REPRESENTED BY ITS ASSISTANT
GENERAL SECRETARY JOHN VANDERVECKEN.

3. THE MISSION WAS UNAWARE OF THE ITALIAN CGIL'S
ROLE AT THE ETUC EXECUTIVE MEETING IN PRESSING FOR
A RESOLUTION ON THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AS REPORTED
PARAGRAPH TWO OF REFTEL A. HOWEVER, OUR TALKS WITH
ETUC SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS DID REVEAL THEIR DISMAY
AND PUZZLEMENT WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S FAILURE
TO DEAL FORTHRIGHTLY WITH THE ECONOMIC CRISIS;
THEIR REACTION WAS THUS SIMILAR TO THE VIEWS OF
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